

The President declared a major disaster in Hawaii and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from February 20 to April 2.

### **May 3**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld.

In the afternoon, on the South Portico, the President participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

In the evening, at the Residence, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a dinner for Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Vienna, Austria, to participate in the U.S.-European Union summit on June 21.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark Myers to be Director of the U.S. Geological Survey at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Museum and Library Services Board: Katherine M.B. Berger; Karen Brosius; Ioannis N. Miaoulis; Sandra Pickett; Christina Orr-Cahall; and Kevin Owen Starr.

The President announced his intention to designate James Manning as Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education at the Department of Education.

### **May 4**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Abdullah bin Ahmad Badawi of Malaysia.

In the afternoon, in the Diplomatic Reception Room, the President participated in an interview with ARD German Television. Later, he dropped by a meeting between Secretary of the Security Council of Russia Igor Sergeyevich Ivanov and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley.

### **May 5**

In the morning, the President had breakfast with Secretary of State Condoleezza

Rice. Later, he had an intelligence briefing followed by a National Security Council meeting on Iraq.

Later in the morning, in the Library, the President participated in an interview with Larry Kudlow of CNBC.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in an interview with Bild of Germany. Later, he met with Quartet Special Envoy for Gaza Disengagement James D. Wolfensohn to thank him for his service.

In the evening, at the Marine Barracks, the President and Mrs. Bush met with marines wounded in the war on terror. Later, they participated in the evening parade.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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### **Submitted May 1**

Paul Cherecwich, Jr., of Utah, to be a member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2009, vice Charles L. Kolbe, term expired.

Donald V. Hammond, of Virginia, to be a member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 21, 2010, vice Robert M. Tobias, term expired.

John M.R. Kneuer, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, vice Michael D. Gallagher, resigned.

Dawn M. Liberi, of New York, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

William B. Taylor, Jr.,  
of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary of the United States of  
America to Ukraine.

Catherine G. West,  
of the District of Columbia, to be a member  
of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight  
Board for a term expiring September 14,  
2008, vice Karen Hastie Williams, term ex-  
pired.

Deborah L. Wince-Smith,  
of Virginia, to be a member of the Internal  
Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term  
expiring September 14, 2010, vice Larry L.  
Levitan, term expired.

Michael Wood,  
of the District of Columbia, to be Amba-  
sador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of  
the United States of America to Sweden.

#### ***Submitted May 2***

Sheila C. Bair,  
of Kansas, to be a member of the Board of  
Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance  
Corporation for the remainder of the term  
expiring July 15, 2007, vice Donald E. Pow-  
ell, resigned.

Sheila C. Bair,  
of Kansas, to be a member of the Board of  
Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance  
Corporation for a term expiring July 15, 2013  
(reappointment).

Sheila C. Bair,  
of Kansas, to be Chairperson of the Board  
of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insur-  
ance Corporation for a term of 5 years, vice  
Donald E. Powell, resigned.

#### ***Submitted May 3***

Mark Myers,  
of Alaska, to be Director of the U.S. Geologi-  
cal Survey, vice Charles G. Groat, resigned.

Susan C. Schwab,  
of Maryland, to be U.S. Trade Representa-  
tive, with the rank of Ambassador Extraor-  
dinary and Plenipotentiary, vice Robert J.  
Portman.

#### ***Submitted May 4***

Valerie L. Baker,  
of California, to be U.S. District Judge for  
the Central District of California, vice  
Consuelo B. Marshall, retired.

Jerome A. Holmes,  
of Oklahoma, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for  
the Tenth Circuit, vice Stephanie K. Sey-  
mour, retired.

Charles P. Rosenberg,  
of Virginia, to be U.S. Attorney for the East-  
ern District of Virginia for the term of 4  
years, vice Paul J. McNulty, resigned.

#### ***Withdrawn May 4***

Jerome A. Holmes,  
of Oklahoma, to be U.S. District Judge for  
the Northern District of Oklahoma, vice  
Sven E. Holmes, resigned, which was sent  
to the Senate on February 14, 2006.

#### ***Submitted May 5***

Katherine M.B. Berger,  
of Virginia, to be a member of the National  
Museum and Library Services Board for a  
term expiring December 6, 2010, vice Nancy  
S. Dwight, term expired.

Karen Brosius,  
of South Carolina, to be a member of the  
National Museum and Library Services  
Board for the remainder of the term expiring  
December 6, 2006, vice Thomas E.  
Lorentzen, resigned.

Karen Brosius,  
of South Carolina, to be a member of the  
National Museum and Library Services  
Board for a term expiring December 6, 2011  
(reappointment).

Ioannis N. Miaoulis,  
of Massachusetts, to be a member of the Na-  
tional Museum and Library Services Board  
for a term expiring December 6, 2010, vice  
Terry L. Maple, term expired.

Christina Orr-Cahall,  
of Florida, to be a member of the National  
Museum and Library Services Board for a  
term expiring December 6, 2010, vice Maria  
Mercedes Guillemard, term expired.

Sandra Pickett,  
of Texas, to be a member of the National  
Museum and Library Services Board for a  
term expiring December 6, 2010 (reappoint-  
ment).

Kevin Owen Starr,  
of California, to be a member of the National  
Museum and Library Services Board for a  
term expiring December 6, 2009, vice David  
Donath, term expired.

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### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office  
of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as  
items nor covered by entries in the Digest of  
Other White House Announcements.

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#### ***Released May 1***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-  
retary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: Making Health Care More Af-  
fordable and Accessible for All Americans

#### ***Released May 2***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-  
retary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster  
assistance to Connecticut

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster  
assistance to Hawaii

#### ***Released May 3***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-  
retary Scott McClellan and Assistant to the  
President for Homeland Security and  
Counterterrorism Frances Fragos Townsend

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing  
the President's upcoming visit to Vienna,  
Austria, to participate in the U.S.-European  
Union summit on June 21

Fact sheet: Advancing the Nation's Pre-  
paredness for Pandemic Influenza

Fact sheet: Growing Our Economy: Keeping  
Taxes Low and Restraining Spending

#### ***Released May 4***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-  
retary Scott McClellan

#### ***Released May 5***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-  
retary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: Economic Growth Continues—  
More Than 5.2 Million Jobs Created Since  
August 2003

Statement by the Press Secretary: Darfur  
Peace Agreement

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### **Acts Approved by the President**

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NOTE: No acts approved by the President were  
received by the Office of the Federal Register  
during the period covered by this issue.